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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents which were cited during the prosecution of parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/978,033:

- U.S. Patent No. 4,941,170 to HENDERSON, which issued in July, 1990;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,057,935 to WILLIAMS, which issued in October, 1991;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,291,302 to GORDON et al., which issued on March 1, 1994;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,521,719 to YAMADA, which issued in May, 1996;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,767,985 to YAMAMOTO et al., which issued in June, 1998;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,802,510 to JONES, which issued in September, 1998;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,812,278 to TOYODA, which issued in September, 1998;
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- U.S. Patent No. 5,895,468 to WHITMYER et al., which issued in April, 1999;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,905,777 to FOLADARE et al., which issued in May, 1999;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,960,404 to CHAAR et al., which issued in September, 1999;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,088,125 to OKADA et al., which issued on July 11, 2000;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,205,363 to HIYASAKA, which issued in March, 2001;
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- U.S. Patent No. 6,211,972 to OKUTOMI et al., which issued on April 3, 2001;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,307,643 to OKADA et al., which issued on October 23, 2001;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,658,093 to LANGSETH, which issued on December 2, 2003;
- U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0074265 to OSHIMA, which was published on April 17, 2003;
- U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0131073 to TOYODA, which was published on September 19, 2002;
- U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0046039 to OHTA, which was published on April 18, 2002;

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Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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Applicants note that all of the above-noted documents were cited during the

prosecution of the parent application, and thus no copies are being provided herewith

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and

cite the same. All of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449

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Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present

application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the

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